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Miki & Sherdog & Takeru

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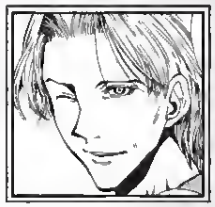
Kento Munakata

A career detective at the London Police Department the same age as Takeru. An elite freshly back from New York, he boasts of his experience whenever he gets the chance.



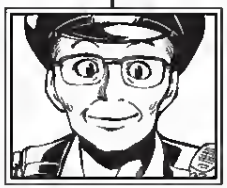
Muneo Tsuzuki

A popular newscaster, famous for charming older women. He killed his wife in a fight about an affair he was having, and in a burst of inspiration, he plotted to disguise the murder and get away with the perfect crime. He is also a wine enthusiast.

Members of the Wajima Family

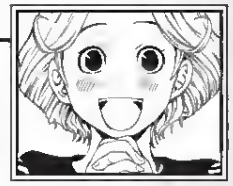
Airin Wajima

Takeru's sister, an inspector in the Violent Crimes Division, and a rather sexy woman. Sherdog calls her Irene.



Kōsuke Wajima

Takeru's father. A sergeant in the police force.



Satoko Wajima

Takeru's mother. She really hates it when Sherdog sits in her favorite rocking chair.

THE STORY SO FAR

The puppy Sherdog—reincarnation of Sherlock Holmes—and his owner Takeru Wajima team up to solve tough cases!! Soon after graduating police academy and becoming a police officer, Takeru is faced with his very first case. The popular anchorman Muneo Tsuzuki has killed his wife and is trying to play it off as someone else's murder!

STORY

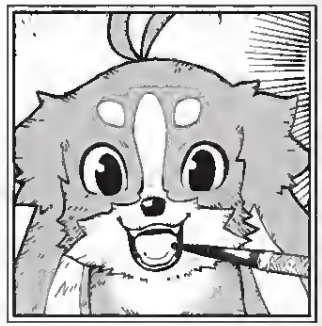
CHARACTERS

Takeru Wajima

A nineteen-year-old rookie police officer. He is Sherdog's owner and the one person who can understand him. He realized he wanted to be a police officer while solving difficult cases with Sherdog. He has a crush on his childhood friend Miki.

Sherdog

The mixed-breed puppy that Takeru adopted. His true identity is that of the world-famous detective, Sherlock Holmes. When he has the Wajima family's heirloom pipe in his mouth, he can speak to Takeru. He solves crimes with Takeru, learning about the modern world in the process.



Miki Arisaka

Takeru's friend since childhood, and currently a freshman in college. An aspiring journalist, she works part-time at a newspaper company.

Miki Arisaka

Takeru and Miki's classmate from high school. Her reputation was once saved by Takeru. She became a police officer, possibly to be with Takeru.

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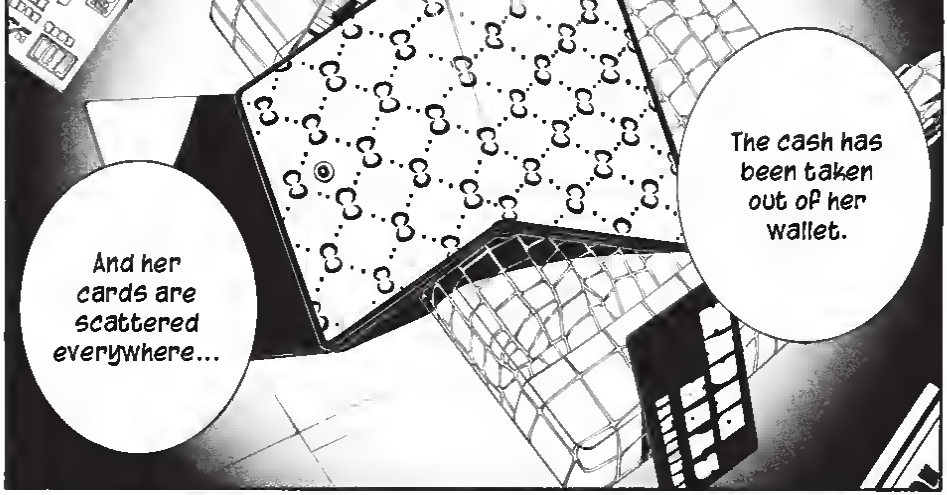
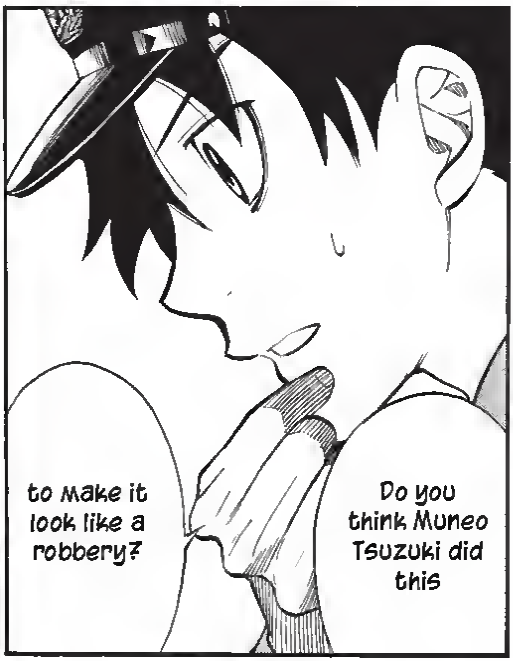
Case 8: ⚜ Requiem for a New Beginning, Part 3

Quite so. Let's find out what we can before the precinct detective gets here.
That should do it.
Good idea. They probably won't let a rookie like me help with the investigation.


The cash has been taken out of her wallet.
And her cards are scattered everywhere...

Well done Watson!
SMIRK


Do you think Muneo Tsuzuki did this
to make it look like a robbery?

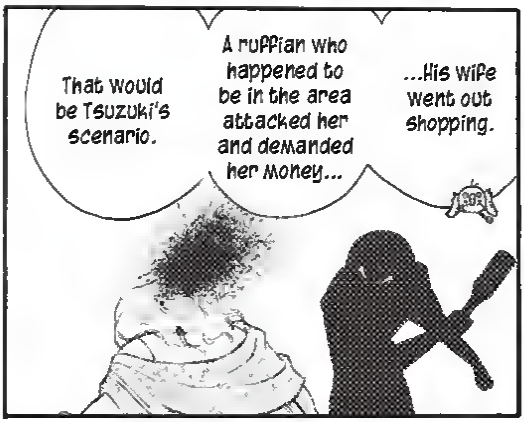
Uh, well...
But when did he have the chance to leave her here?
London Sushi Parking
Unauthorized vehicles strictly prohibited

Then that explains everything!
is related to this incident...
If Tsuzuki's suspicious behavior
Work just kept going and going
So why would he chain the door?
His wife could come home at any minute

Excuse me!
What are your shop's hours? How long were people here yesterday?
I think we can get an idea if we ask the restaurant staff who found her!
Quite so!
Then, at four this morning,
I came to get the car, so I could take it to the fish market for supplies.
Well, yesterday was our regular day off—no one was here.
Tsu... Tsuzuki-san was a customer here?
Yes.
He's been a regular ever since he featured our restaurant on his program.
!!
And that's when I found Tsuzuki-san's wife...

Could he also have figured that if he left the body here,
no one would find it until now?

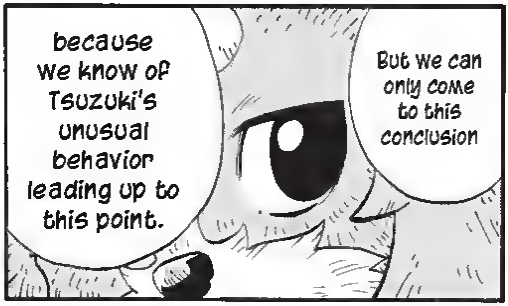
...
I see... He interviewed them— that's how he knew.
Arf.
He knew they would be coming at four for the car.
Grrr.

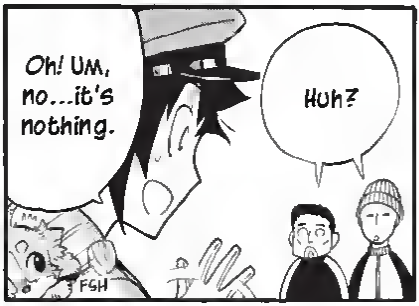

That would be Tsuzuki's scenario.
A ruffian who happened to be in the area attacked her and demanded her money...
...His wife went out shopping.

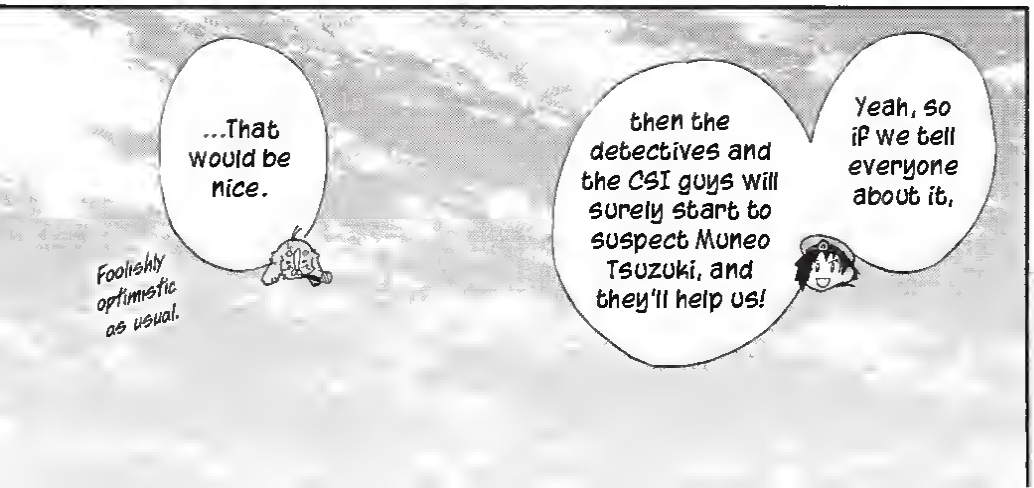
However,
that is, in fact, illogical.

Does anyone come by here during the day? No pedestrians or anything?
We don't see many people, no.
On our days off, I don't think anyone passes by, except for some people who live in the neighborhood.

You see...
GRRR
That's right!


But we can only come to this conclusion
because we know of Tsuzuki's unusual behavior leading up to this point.


Huh?
Oh! Um, no...it's nothing.
FSH


Yeah, so if we tell everyone about it,
then the detectives and the CSI guys will surely start to suspect Muneo Tsuzuki, and they'll help us!
...That would be nice.
Foolishly optimistic as usual.

YAAAWN.
ふわぁー
Thanks for your hard work, Munakata-san!!
KEEP OUT London Police
UM... about the murder...
It's gonna be a real snooze-fest!
I've actually been assigned to this case.
Oh, you're Takeru Wajima-kun from yesterday. Hello!

I learned advanced investigation techniques and deductive reasoning in New York City.
But I won't need any of it for this.
A mugging.
Pretty dull, wouldn't you say?
...!!
In any case,
ひぃっ
YOINK
Oh, I don't know about that.
I think there might be more to this case than meets the eye.
I'M more interested...
ZZZIP
ニャーン
The only thing to do is to canvas the neighborhood.
ask about other robberies in the area, and make a list of previous offenders.

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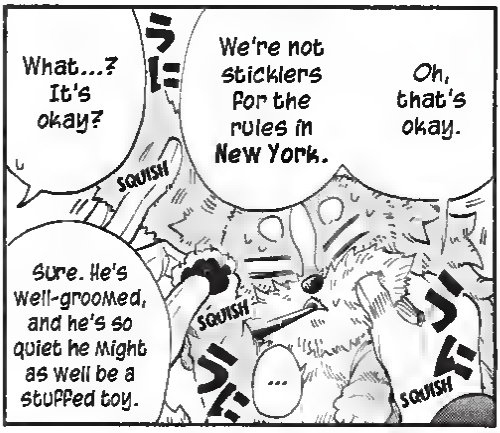
in this!
ひょい
YOINK


What...? It's okay?
We're not sticklers for the rules in New York.
Oh, that's okay.
SQUISH
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Sure. He's well-groomed, and he's so quiet he might as well be a stuffed toy.
...

I...I'm sorry! That's my dog...
I can't leave him at home... so, uh...
オロオロ
FLUSTER
FLUSTER

ポイ
TOSS
!!
I'll talk to your supervisor for you.
That's okay—come with me!
What...? But I have my shift at the local kōban...
ER, UH, WOULD YOU PLEASE
ひょい
YOINK
ひょい
YOINK
ひょい
YOINK
I know! Would you like to come with me
to question the victim's family?

And you can call me Munakata-kun.
Okay? Takeru-kun?
N-now, just a...
Since you're my age, I won't have any problems
Making you do all the annoying grunt work.
THUD
Yeah, but...
Now you can participate in the investigation, despite being only a rookie.
This is exactly what we need... Watson...
A... ARF!
...
Or our sly criminal may get off scot-free.
Listen. He appears to be underestimating this case.
We're going to need to be on the alert.
Right!

I haven't woken up so refreshed in a long time!
Aaahhh, What a good night's sleep!

I was right to get rid of her.
The sow's snoring was hell.

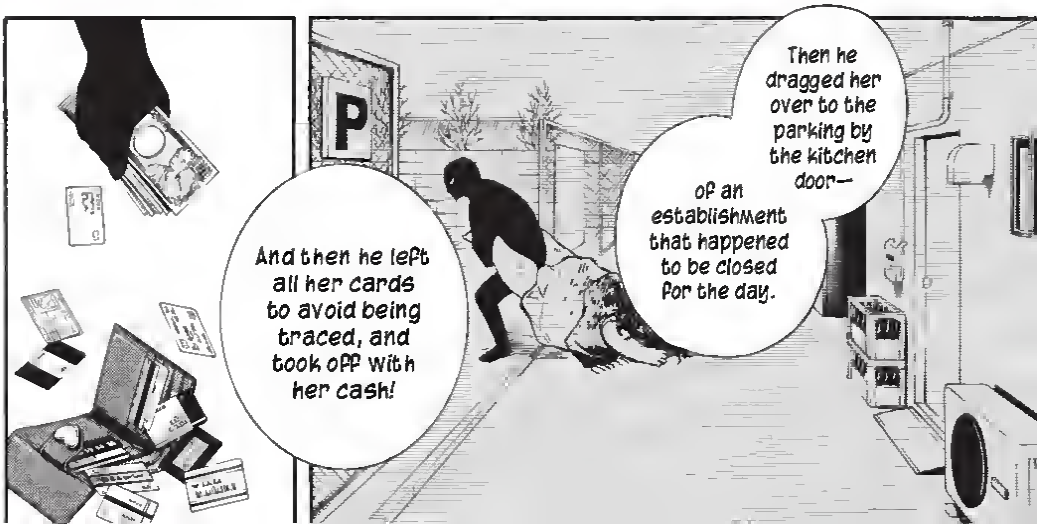
Oh.
BRRRING
The drugs must really be working.
KRIK
KRIK
Glad the Mother pig isn't as bad.
Still, she sleeps like a baby.

What? The police?
Tsuzuki speaking.
CHAK
Is it time for them to make their appearance?
Now that you mention it, she never did come back last night.
My mother-in-law is visiting, so we were drinking wine together, and...what?
YES! YES YES YES YES!
What?! M-Murdered?!
Wh-What are you saying?

M-Mother, stay strong... Nnh!
Waaaaaahhh! Miwa!! Miwaaaaaa!!
NOOOOOOOO!
You have my deepest condolences.
All right then, what time did your wife leave the house yesterday?
Yes, of course! Anything I can do to help!
Before we get to that, we would like to ask you a few questions.
!
GLANCE
WH...WHO... SNIFFLE... DID THIS TO HER...?
S-SO...
HIC

Let me see...I think she was gone by eleven o'clock...
Yes. The housekeeper came in the morning to make breakfast.
She was here until ten cleaning up, and my wife must have left after that.
I see. That's easy enough to prove—there's a witness and everything.
After that your wife likely...
I went online and looked up the shortest route
from your home to a shopping district.
...went to the shopping district outside the train station.
HUH?
H-how do you know that?
Elementary.
It's a bit deserted, but she probably didn't think she needed to be careful in broad daylight.
THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN IN NEW YORK
And one shortcut ran right through the scene of the murder.
I-I see. And that's where she was attacked by a mugger...!
Yes.

The mugger picked up an empty beer bottle outside of the sushi restaurant.
And, without warning, he hit your wife on the back of the head.
Again and again.
He was careful to make sure she couldn't fight back.
And he killed her.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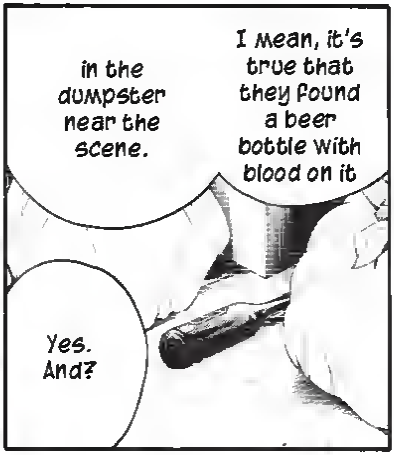
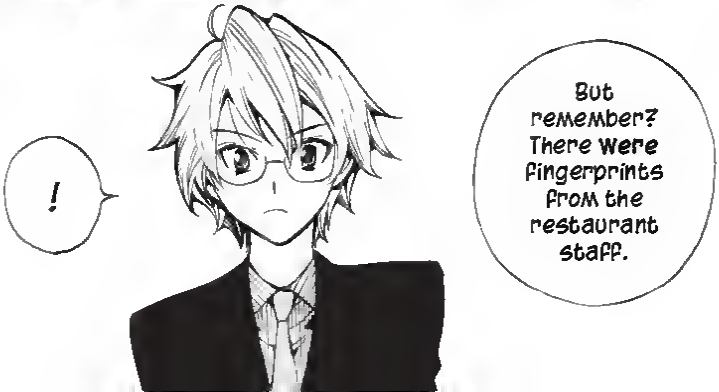
Then he dragged her over to the parking by the kitchen door—
of an establishment that happened to be closed for the day.
And then he left all her cards to avoid being traced, and took off with her cash!

It's only common crime investigation sense.
No, no, no. You are definitely not trying very hard, "Mr. Elite."
How could he!
In...incredible.
I'M incredible!! This is working out even better than I'd planned!!
NOD
!
Watson!
AHE
Say something.
What do I do, Sherdog? If this keeps up...
W-w-wait a second, Munakata-kun!!
...That being the case, we will look into...

TWITCH
LOH
...What?
this case is that simple!
I don't think

I don't think they found the killer's fingerprints on the bottle.
Well, yes, because the criminal wasn't an idiot—he wiped his prints off.
TYPICAL EX-CON


I mean, it's true that they found a beer bottle with blood on it
in the dumpster near the scene.
Yes. And?


!
But remember? There were fingerprints from the restaurant staff.

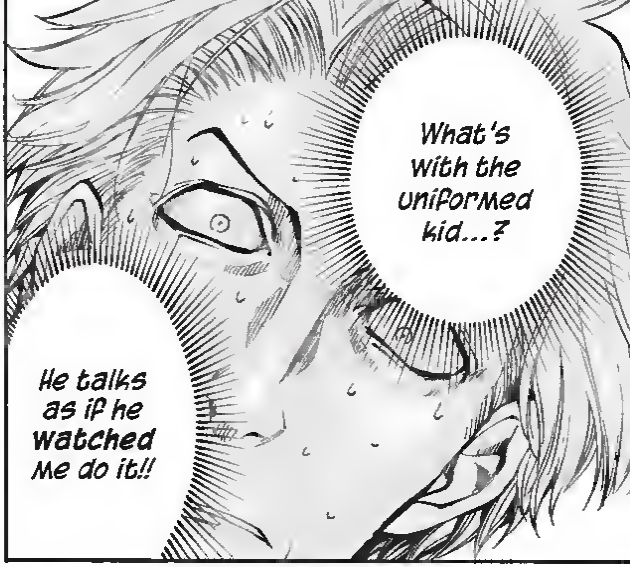
He must have grabbed the bottle with gloves on,
so that there wouldn't be any prints on it to begin with?
Wouldn't that mean that the killer didn't wipe the prints off afterward?
GULP...
...
MRK!
There was no wind yesterday, and it got up to almost 10°C*. Would you be wearing gloves?
In the middle of the day?
...
*50°F
Y-yes, that's true, but...
It's winter. Maybe he was already wearing gloves.
ALL SET!!
If this was just a random crime using a bottle he found on the ground,
I don't think it makes sense for him to deliberately put gloves on.

...
attack someone in broad daylight, in a residential neighborhood?
to avoid leaving fingerprints.
Would a killer who was careful enough to wear gloves,
...
And one more thing.
With a beer bottle, one solid blow to the back of the head would have knocked her unconscious.
1
And if his main goal was to steal her money,
he wouldn't have needed to hit her over and over like that.
2
3

but he apparently didn't even look at the clearly very expensive jewelry she was wearing.
It makes sense that the killer would have left the cards and only taken her cash,
Isn't that a little strange for an experienced criminal?

Who is this guy?
He's obviously just a bumbling rookie!!

ever since I met him yesterday!!
...Something about him has bothered me


He talks as if he watched me do it!!
What's with the uniformed kid...?

around this kid!
I can't be too careful